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For: PROCESS CARTRIDGE, ELECTROPHOTOGRAPHIC IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND CARTRIDGE MOUNTING METHOD

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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO AMEND THE DRAWINGS

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's permission to amend the drawings as shown in red ink in the appended informal drawings and as shown in the attached corrected formal drawings, in which:

- 1) in Figures 10 and 11, reference characters "21a" associated with an opening in element 21 are changed to reference characters --21e--, because the specification refers to this opening by reference characters --21e--,.

Match and Return

- 2) in Figures 20-22, reference characters "13e" have been changed to reference
characters --13z--, because the specification indicates that in Figure 7 these reference characters
denote a joggle, while in Figures 20-22, these reference characters denote a support hole, and
therefore, by changing these reference characters in Figures 20-22, the application avoids the use
of the same reference characters to denote different elements, and
- 3) in Figure 27, reference characters "20a" (the rightmost occurrence) have been changed
to --20e--, because the specification indicates that the bearing associated with coupling 106a is
identified by reference characters "20e" rather than "20a".

FIGURE 10

Change reference numeral "21a" to --21e--.

FIGURE 11

Change reference numeral "21a" to --21e--.

FIGURE 20

Change reference numeral "13e" to --13z--.

FIGURE 21

Change reference numeral "13e" to --13z--.